

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in full response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 11, 2006 wherein claims 25 through 37 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,527,788, claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,296,649, claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,132,446, and claims 1-53 of U.S. Patent No. 5,624,456 to Applicant herein.

In response, applicant submits herewith separate Terminal Disclaimers for U.S. Patent No. 6,527,788, U.S. Patent No. 6,296,649, U.S. Patent No. 6,132,446, and U.S. Patent No. 5,624,456. Each of which disclaim the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application, which would extend beyond the expiration dates of the above four indicated patents.

Based on the above, the outstanding rejections of all the claims present in the subject application based on the noted doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is believed to be overcome. In the event that any fee may be required by the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and/or credit to our **Deposit Account No. 13-1227.**

In view of this amendment the subject application is believed to be in clear condition for allowance and such action

is respectfully solicited.

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